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**The Daily Press.**  
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It is an old and trite saying, and one which under a pretence of sententiousness really covers a mere truism, that history repeats itself. As long as human nature is as it is, and as long as it is a law of nature that the race has a tendency to propagate itself at a rate greater than its means of support, so long must there exist an aggressive tendency on the part of nations; and this aggressive tendency must, when it implies injury to another nation possessed of courage and ability to resist, eventually lead to war. War again arising in each case from the same impelling motive must of necessity follow similar lines, and so it happens that whether we analyse the wars of a Sennacherib, of a Cyrus, an Alexander, a Caesar, or in modern times of a Napoleon, we find the same general principles of attack and defence running through the entirety. The circumstances of the present war between Japan and Russia thus partake geographically and physically of the conditions existing in 1854, when Great Britain and France, in order to parry the injurious advance of Russia, undertook an offensive war, and invaded the Crimea. The geographical position of the Crimea and Shengking are very similar; both are peninsulas, both are at an enormous distance from Russia's basis of operations, and both possess at the furthest extremity a capacious and strongly fortified naval station, to capture which is one of the objects of the war. It is perfectly natural, then, that the incidents in the one war should be comparable to those unfolding themselves in the other.

It is true that at the opening of the present war one of the conditions was markedly different. When Britain and France opened the war against Russia, their navies were so far superior in number and efficiency to that possessed by Russia that from the beginning the latter Power treated its own navy as of no practical utility, and actually sank in its own harbour seven of its best and most powerful vessels. At the opening of the war with Japan Russia had in Eastern waters a navy which for numbers, and apparently efficiency, was reckoned fairly comparable with that of her antagonist, and in addition, after this portion of the fleet had been despatched possessed an apparently sufficient reserve in European waters. The first care of the Japanese commander-in-chief was thus of necessity directed to striking at this formidable difficulty in the way of offensive operations, and with so much success that for a time at least the Russian fleet became a mere onlooker, and, as in the case of the Crimea, took no active part in the contest. For some weeks this inactivity was real, and its existence raised one or two points of importance with regard to international law.

Some main principles concerning the rights of belligerents and the duties of neutrals have been reduced to writing and met with practically universal acceptance; and each of the principal nations for itself commenced to put these rules in action. After the close of the Crimean war the nations had proceeded to formulate a common course of action with regard to possible neutrals and belligerents, and the time, after one first clash war had been decided, and no political cloud momentarily clouded the horizon, was undoubtedly favourable. The new rule agreed to by all the important Powers, with the partial exception of the United States, was, that the neutral flag covered the cargo, except contraband of war, and that an enemy's commerce as such was not to be interfered with more than was necessary for war purposes. Some nations wanted to go further and assert the immunity from capture of the enemy's private ships, when not actually engaged in warlike operations, or conveying contraband of war, but the majority refused to take this extreme view, or at all events held it to be premature. Other rules were proposed regarding letters of marque given by Governments authorising the fitting out of privateers, but the proposed rule was not carried. Other regulations regarding the action of neutrals in aiding or encouraging one or other belligerents, though in principle agreed to, were left to be decided in each particular case. Practically no naval war has taken place since these rules and recommendations were formulated, and naturally there was room for misconception, and an absence of precedent as to the proper course to pursue.

England and the majority of the Great Powers at once issued proclamations of neutrality, and closed their ports unless in cases of distress, and even then under most stringent rules, indifferently to either belligerent. The practical effect of this was to render it impossible for Japan to carry on a naval war in European waters, or for Russia to reinforce her fleet in the Far East, till at least she had made her own arrangements for coaling on the road. In the interest of peace generally this was an important step, and tended to prevent as far as possible the spread of the war. Incidentally and at the moment it appeared to favour Japan, but at any time the position might change and the contrary might result. The conditions might then have been honestly accepted by both belligerents without prejudice, in the hope of further developments. Unfortunately Russia, looking only to the present moment, has not been willing to accept this view, but has put forward a claim of her own, which tends to complicate still further a position already intricate. By the Treaty of Paris each state at war has the right to seize on the enemy's property on board a neutral ship, provided only it be contraband of war, and as it seemed impracticable to define what really is contraband the widest possible extension has been given to the definition. Russia has been extending the limits so as to include everything which could be possibly brought into use directly or indirectly, not only to make war, but to assist in making machinery which might be employed in producing weapons of war or warlike weapons, and military stores or even clothing, Russian prize-courts being the only authority to decide. Of course, under such a pretension, every article of trade might be brought in contraband. This naturally was not the object of the original rule, which was to injure as little as possible the general trade of the world, and afford some little alleviation to the necessary horrors of war. So long as the stipulations as to neutral ports being forbidden to the

ships of either of the parties at war, the former wrong would be to a considerable extent rectified, as either Power would from the impossibility of obtaining supplies find her limits of injury so far as neutrals were concerned confined within reasonably narrow limits. But the peculiarity of Russian practice is to take advantage of every circumstance which may favour her immediate aims without any regard for consistency, or the possible disadvantage of establishing precedents against herself. The rule which forbids nations at war carrying on warlike operations from neutral ports is one of these, and is probably more in the interests of the belligerents themselves than of the Powers apparently more immediately concerned. Russia grudgingly accepts the rule with the stronger Powers who are able to enforce it, but she persistently ignores it with regard to the weaker, whom she hopes to be able to overawe or cajole. Now it is necessary, in order to avoid worse evils, to acknowledge every independent state as internationally equal, and though another neutral may remonstrate, there is no precedent to make such action a *casus belli* as between neutrals.

Russia then has been taking advantage of this position to use habitually the harbours of certain of the lesser Powers in the Mediterranean for the purpose of fitting out her cruisers, and obtaining stores, and the vessels thus fitted out have been employed in plundering the vessels of neutral Powers, under the pretence of seizing those indefinite goods which she is pleased on her own authority to class as contraband of war. The whole proceeding is naturally unprecedented, and as such offends no written rule, though contrary to the whole tenor of international law, as accepted by all the Powers. It might be expected that the nation most interested amongst the others, which undoubtedly is Britain, would take some strong measures to repress a palpable wrong, which has no foundation in former precedents, and is contrary to the whole tone of modern practice; but here again comes in the peculiar difficulty which always arises with a Power as Russia, which sets but little store on her own inconsistency, while vigorously holding her neighbour to the letter of her engagements. Were Great Britain to insist under penalty of retaliation on Russia ceasing the practice the action would certainly be quoted against herself, and Britain would have to yield however unreasonable and irrelevant the cases. This is doubtless the reason why some steps have not as yet been taken to abate, by force if necessary, the nuisance, but there are signs, we believe, that something is being done towards its relief. Hongkong is more immediately interested, which is our excuse for speaking out; but the matter is really one of imperial interest.

The plague case reported in our issue of Tuesday was imported into the Colony from outside. Another similar case was notified as occurring yesterday.

The shipment of dogs, cats and snakes from the Philippines to the United States has been prohibited, as these were about the only items omitted from the Dingley bill. The barrier is now complete, says the *Monthly Times*.

Commissioner Mc. Secretary of Finance and Justice in the Philippines, recently issued a statement showing the progress of elimination of the Spanish-Philippine coins from the channels of trade of the islands. Nearly one half the volume of that sort of currency, he says, has been shipped to the United States, and the tone of the statement is optimistic for the future. The Mexican pesos, he says, are being eliminated by the process of exportation.

Mr. Hong, Attaché at the Korean Legation in Berlin, who on the 16th ult. committed suicide by shooting a bullet through his head, was a most gifted young Oriental, and perfect master of German, moving in high social circles. It seems, however, that he got into the company of three prepossessing actresses, for whom his expenditure on jewelry was more than his means would allow. He shot himself after being presented with a bill for 5,000 marks (£250) for jewelry.

The following letter was not received at the HongKong General Post Office, but its genuineness is nevertheless guaranteed. A Punjab specimen of the babu class recently reported to headquarters:—The Sub-Postmaster report that last evening a nice came out from behind the office door, and after walking a little stammered and breathed its last in the presence of the Sub-Postmaster there. As these are the prognostics of plague, I beg you will kindly arrange to have the office disinfected at an early date.

We received a call yesterday evening from Mr. Vanstone and Mr. Warwick Pade, who with reference to a letter headed "Up-to-date Shortland" in the *China Mail* and signed by the Cashier of the New York Life Insurance Co. in Hongkong, showed us a letter from Miss Vanstone, stating that she had been engaged for a position with the New York Life Co. at Canton and enclosing a cheque signed by the manager for a sum in compensation for her terminating her previous engagement in Hongkong. We can bear witness to the fact that Mr. Vanstone received this letter and enclosure from his daughter.

M. Ratard, Consul-General of France at Shanghai, has been made by the Tsar a Commander of the Order of S. Stanislas.

The war has already led to one lawsuit of interest in shipping circles. It figures in the home papers as that of the Century Shipping Company, Limited, v. C. T. Symons and Co. The plaintiffs, who were taking out a cargo of coal alleged to be for the Japanese Government, claimed a declaration that they were entitled to determine the charter-party, the Russian Government having declared coal to be contraband of war. Mr. Justice Bigham, who originally had the case before him, had decided in favour of the defendants, and the Appeal Court dismissed the plaintiff's appeal, holding that the High Court judge was right.

Latest news of the overland Acheen war comes from Pangkalan Brandan.—The last expedition under von Dahlen, which set out on 29th February, was very successful. It is unnecessary to speak of many small skirmishes, for mention is needed only of the larger engagements which were at Bercho, Pasir, Peperag, and Kutta Lintang, in the course of which 541 Batak were shot by the Dutch troops, 310 dead was the result of the fight at Peperag. Rajah Bukit and all his followers fled to the mountains. The Dutch casualties were 3 killed and 30 wounded. The expedition is advancing.

The *Naval and Military Record* writes:—By the retirement of Captain W. Usborn Moore, who attained the age limit on the 8th inst., the active list of the Navy loses an officer who has won considerable distinction in the surveying branch, and a Good Service pension falls vacant. Captain Moore, who was last employed in command of the *Research* on the Home survey, has held several commands in the branch of the Navy to which he was for so long attached, and was always an indefatigable worker. He joined the Navy in 1862, and was promoted captain in 1892. Captain Moore has lately produced a book, entitled *The Cosmos and the Creeds*. Capt. Moore's book has, we believe, been widely read in Hongkong; he presented a copy of it, moreover, to the Club Library.

In the United States the Mexican dollar has an exchange value of 90 cents, says a Manila paper. In Mexico the American silver dollar has the same value. On the frontier of the United States, where Texas joins Mexico, there are two saloons, one on each side of the frontier. A man buys a ten-cent drink of whisky at the American saloon and pays for it with an American silver dollar, receiving a Mexican silver dollar in change. With this he crosses the border, goes into a Mexican saloon hands over the Mexican dollar for a ten-cent drink and receives an American dollar in change. It is evident, that the limit of his purchasing power is the length of time he can stand. He finally wakes up with a bad headache and the American dollar with which he started. Who paid for the whisky?

The New York Sun states that Sir Thomas Lipton recently enquired whether a challenge for the America Cup would be accepted under the new rule of the New York Yacht Club for its own races limiting the draught of yachts to 18ft. This rule would bar the *Refiance*, *Constitution*, and *Columbia*, which draw 20ft. The committee of the New York Yacht Club, to which the matter was referred, replied to Sir Thomas Lipton last month. The reply rehearsed the requirements of the deed of gift, including the condition that a challenge must be made by a foreign club ten months in advance of a proposed race. The committee adds that if such a challenge is received the club will take definite action. The *Sun* states that many members of the club cannot see how they can decline a challenge under their own rules. It is too late, however, for a race this year.

The Japanese Consul-General at Shanghai has communicated the following statement to the Press in connection with the burning of the Palace at Seoul:—On the 14th inst. at 10 p.m. a fire broke out from the Kanneiden Building of the Korean Imperial Palace and all buildings except only one building of the foreign type were entirely burnt down. The Emperor had been taken himself to the Library belonging to the Imperial Household Department. The fire started accidentally in a chamber of the Kanneiden Building where the Kang (native fire-place) was being in repairs. During the conflagration our gentlemen and soldiers exerted their utmost for the personal safety of the Emperor and for controlling the fire. This deed of our soldiers has caused a very good feeling in the Imperial Household. The Foreign Ministers to Korea, too, expressed their thanks for the efforts used by our soldiers in protecting the Legations near the Palace.

Interviewed by a *Times of Ceylon* representative at Colombo on his way back to England, Mr. P. F. Warner kept nothing back when he said it was all nonsense to attribute England's success to luck. There was no luck about it at all. The team was a most resourceful one, and, as had been remarked in Australia, the best in this way that had gone out of England. Mr. Warner does not see how it can fairly be said that the team had luck. He only won the toss 8 times in 20 matches. True he won the toss in the second match on a perfect wicket, which had a lot to do with the result admittedly, but it was the fifth match Australia won the toss and had the same fortune for the rain came down on the last three days and spoilt the Englishmen's chances. This shows the element of luck was evenly distributed. Of course, papers would be prejudiced, and the same remark might apply to him; but it was absurd to talk of luck in a battle, and the test matches were hard-fought battles resulting in the better side winning.

## TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

## THE BUDGET.

NEARLY FOUR MILLIONS DEFICIT.  
—HEAVY TAX ON SMOKING.

LONDON, 19th Ap., 5.25 p.m.

The deficiency in the Budget is £3,820,000, and it is proposed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer (Mr. Austen Chamberlain) that this shall be met by an extra penny on the income tax; threepence on tobacco, sixpence on cigars, and a shilling on foreign cigarettes; and twopence on tea. There is to be no suspension of the Sinking Fund.

[Last year the Income Tax reduced from 1s. 3d. in the £, the highest point since 1856, to 11d., a drop of 4d. It is now therefore 1s. in the £, the same as in 1900, when it was brought up from 8d. to 1s. The new Budget presses very heavily on tobacco-smokers. According to the tariff in operation on the 1st October, 1903, the imports duties were as follows:—Tobacco, 3s. to 3s. 4d. per lb., according to the amount of moisture contained; cigars, 5s. 6d. per lb.; cigarettes, 3s. 10d. per lb. The latter article is especially burdened by the new Budget, the duty being raised to 4s. 10d. per lb. The duty on tea was 6d. per lb., so that it is now 8d.—Ed. D.P.]

## REUTER'S SERVICE.

THE WAR.—THE PORT ARTHUR COMMAND.

LONDON, 18th April.

Admiral Alexieff hoisted his flag on the 17th inst., on the battleship *Sevastopol* pending the arrival of Admiral Skrydlov.

## THE SOMALILAND EXPEDITION.

LONDON, 18th April.

The Mullah having escaped to Italian territory, routed, it has been decided to discontinue the British operations and to reduce the field forces.

## THE ADVANCE TO LHASA.

LONDON, 18th April.

Mr. Launier asked in the House of Commons whether it was proposed to advance to Lhasa in the event of negotiations at Gyantse breaking down. Mr. Brodrick, in reply, said that it was not in the public interest to state the intention of the Government in such an eventuality.

## FIRE IN QUEEN'S ROAD.

ONE HOUSE GUTTED.

At about 1.30 on Wednesday morning fire broke out at No. 210, Queen's Road, a house bearing the sign of Tann Pung, situated not far from the Globe Hotel. The premises were occupied by a jeweller, money-changer, etc., and a haberdashery-dealer on the ground floor, and as dwellings on the three upper floors. Mr. Hallifax and the Brigade hurried to the scene, extinguishing the flames after about an hour's work, but not before the house was completely gutted. Looking at the ruins, still dripping after the water, one still sees a thin column of smoke emanating from the charred rubbish. Daylight now is the only roof.

## LAWN TENNIS.

H.K.C.C. V. L.R.C.

This competition, the Ladies' Recreation Club v. the Hongkong Cricket Club, was played on the Cricket Ground yesterday afternoon. The band of the Sherwood Foresters, under Bandmaster Bradley, played selections on the field. The results, the names of the Hongkong Cricket Club members in each instance coming first, were as follows:—

Strickland and Martin v. Hallifax and Newland, 2-6, 5-6.  
Strickland and Martin v. Heath and Smith, 5-6, 6-3.  
Hancock and Humphreys v. Heath and Smith, 6-1, 6-2.  
Hancock and Humphreys v. Pinckney and Grist, 6-5, 5-6.  
Hancock and Humphreys v. Hallifax and Newland, 6-2, 6-1.  
Smith and Atkinson v. Pinckney and Grist, 1-6, 3-6.  
Smith and Atkinson v. Heath and Smith, 1-6, 4-1.  
Smith and Atkinson v. Hallifax and Newland, 2-6, 6-3.

These scores gave the Hongkong Cricket Club the victory by 81 games to 77.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—

On the 18th at 11.25 a.m. The barometer has risen generally and has fallen only slightly in the extreme north.

The greatest pressure appears to lie over Central China and the least in SE. Japan.

Gradients are moderate on the China Coast, and over the China Sea.

Moderate to light N.E. winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel and over the northern part of the China Sea.

Forecast:—Light SE. to E. winds; cloudy, fine.

## NAVAL NOTES.

THE "ECLIPSE"

H.M. second class cruiser *Eclipse* has arrived from Singapore with a dredger (the *S. Dunstan*) in tow. She left Singapore on the 13th inst., experiencing a calm passage to Hongkong. Capt. Robert H. S. Stokes is in command.

THE U.S. TRANSPORT "SEWARD."

The United States transport *Seward*, Capt. A. Crook, arrived from Manila yesterday, for docking purposes. She left the Philippines on the 18th inst. and had a fine trip crossing.

THE "VASCO DA GAMA."

Senhor Conselheiro A. G. Romano, Consul-General for Portugal, paid an official call on the Portuguese battleship *Vasco da Gama* yesterday, being received by a guard of honour, and saluted with nine guns when leaving. During the morning the commander of the *Vasco da Gama*, Capt. Manuel Lourenço Vasco de Carvalho, visited the Officer Administering the Government.

THE "S. DUNSTAN."

The steam-dredger towed from Singapore to Hongkong by H.M.S. *Eclipse* is named *S. Dunstan*. She is a craft of 546 tons and 110 horse-power. Mr. W. Denning is her captain.

THE U.S.S. "CALLAO."

The U.S. gunboat *Callao* left for the River yesterday.

THE "HANSA."

The German flagship *Hansa* yesterday shifted from her berth to the foreign man-of-war anchorage, at Kowloon, to make room for British warships. We may expect arrivals.

SICKNESS IN THE NAVY.

Only two men in the whole of the British Navy received wounds in action during 1903; one recovered and the other died. Our Navy's health record, as contained in an official return, was considered satisfactory in that year. The Pacific station provided the highest death rate, 67.42, but for this the loss of the *Condor* was mainly responsible, while the Cape of Good Hope and West African stations gave the heaviest invaliding rate, 36.89. The total number of cases of disease and injury entered on the sick list was 55,769, which gives the ratio of 361.13 per 1,000. This, though an increase of 7.3 over 1901, is 22.2 less than the average of the preceding five years. The disquieting feature is in respiratory diseases, which in the home training vessels alone have advanced by 79.69 per 1,000. There were fifteen suicides, which is above the average, but the record varies greatly.

NEW RUSSIAN WARSHIPS.

The naval construction works of Nikolaiyev are now building to the order of the Russian Government three torpedo-boat destroyers, the *Zorky*, *Zudorny*, and *Zovnyshy*. Each of these vessels will cost half a million roubles, and will have a speed of 28 knots with a displacement of 350 tons. The Government dockyard at Nikolaiyev is now building a swift cruiser, the *Kegoul*, whose engines are expected to develop 19,500 horse-power. Two new battleships will shortly be laid down at *Sevastopol* and *Nikolaiyev* of a type resembling that of the *Kaiser Potemkin*, *Tavrichesky*.

THE TORPEDO IN WARFARE.

Admiral von Tirpitz, Secretary of State for the German Navy, contended before the Budget Commission last month that battleships were the kernel of a fighting fleet, adding that the present war had demonstrated the importance of a homogeneous fleet. The success of the Japanese torpedo attacks, the Minister declared, was merely due to the inability of the Russians to ward them off. Torpedoes would always have their opportunities, but, on the whole, their importance had rather decreased than increased.

## HONGKONG CRICKET LEAGUE.

PRESENTATION OF SHIELD.

On the Cricket Ground yesterday evening the Shield presented for competition to the Cricket League was formally handed over to the winners, the Army Ordnance Corps C.C., in presence of a large number of ladies and gentlemen. Mr. A. G. Ward, first, as representing the board of directors of the *South China Morning Post* (the donors of the trophy) made over the shield to the President of the League, Mr. T. Sercombe Smith, who thanked the directors for their handsome gift. He then, after a neat speech, in which he referred to the impetus lent to cricket in the Colony by the formation of the League, formally presented the shield to Captain P. G. Davies, the captain of the winning team, and miniature gold shields (the gift of the League) to each member of the A.O.C. XI., complimenting them on their being the first winners of the trophy and wishing them success in the future. Captain Davies responded suitably, and the ceremony terminated with three cheers for the A.O.C. Club, three for their captain, three for the President of the League, and three more for the Navy.

## MARINE COURT.

Wednesday, 20th April.

BEFORE MR. L. BARNES-LAWRENCE, R.N. (MARINE MAGISTRATE).

A TROUBLESOME STEAKMAN.

F. Lowallyn, fireman of the *S.S. Queen Louise*, was charged by Mr. Nicoll, the captain, with disobeying his commands and deserting from his ship, at Hongkong Harbour, on the 16th inst.

The Magistrate said that the defendant admitted having no intention to return to his ship, insisting, in the face of a doctor's certificate, that he was unfit for duty. The case could only be treated as one of desertion. Six weeks' hard labour, and to be removed to his vessel in case she leaves port before the expiration of his sentence; also to forfeit the wages due to him.



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## POLICE COURT.

Wednesday, 20th April.

BEFORE MR. H. H. J. GOMPERTZ  
(ACTING POLICE MAGISTRATE).

ALL ABOUT A BROOCH.

Mrs. Donaldson, the teacher of dancing whose season at the City Hall closed recently, lost a brooch of \$100 value, which she reported to the Police and a reward of \$10 was offered for the recovery of the property. A coolie, it appears, was unfortunately enough to find the brooch, which he brought to a pawnbroker's establishment a few days later. A plain-clothes policeman happened to be in the shop at the time, so the man was arrested. Mr. Gompertz said that if it was the custom in China to keep things when they were found he must learn that such a practice in Hongkong was larceny. Twenty-one days' hard labour.

AN ABSURD CHARGE.

A Chinaman was charged with having larcenously taken a brooch from the Police Court yesterday morning, there being some three Medical Officers of Health, and subordinate employees. They made charges about cubicles, waste pipes, infectious disease, and also accused Mr. Herbert Bain Bridge, acting manager of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., with causing a smoke nuisance. Defendant pleaded guilty, explaining that he had promised the Sanitary Board to put up several appliances to abate the nuisance. Mr. Wickham had been to England, where he tested new machinery with Japanese coal. It took a long time to get these appliances from Europe.

A Sanitary Board official explained it was twenty-one months since notice was first given. If the stoking was better looked after there would not be so much smoke, it changed alternately from practically no smoke to black smoke. The Magistrate said he would give defendant seven days to abate the nuisance. If he could not do it in that time he would have to show expert evidence to prove that more time was necessary.

BRUTALITY.

Two Chinamen for brutally kicking a youth in the stomach were sent to prison for seven days' hard labour.

AN AMERICAN SAILOR.

A sailor from the U. S. A. *San Francisco* was sentenced to \$2 or four days for disorderly conduct, hitting a ricksha-coolie.

ALLEGED BRIBERY.

A case of alleged bribery came before Mr. Gompertz yesterday afternoon. Mr. Grist, solicitor, of Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist, appearing for the defence. The defendant is charged with offering a bribe of two bottles of whisky, a box of cigars, and a basket of eggs to Inspector R. G. McEwen, of the Sanitary Department. The case was remanded.

BEFORE MR. J. H. KEMP (SECOND  
POLICE MAGISTRATE).

SMALLPOX AT HONGKONG.

Wong Kai, a Chinese woman, was charged with failing to report a case of smallpox for five days, which occurred at No. 83, Third Street. The patient was admitted into the infectious disease hospital on the 13th inst.

Dr. Pearce asked the Magistrate to impress on defendant the extreme importance of informing the authorities about infectious disease, both for a person's own sake and for that of the neighbours. After a lecture on the subject Mr. Kemp sentenced the woman to \$50 or two months' imprisonment.

THROWING RUBBISH FROM WINDOWS.

A Chinese woman was fined \$3 for throwing sugar-cane rubbish from a window.

KIDNAPPING YOUNG GIRLS.

A woman was charged by Inspector Hudson, of the Registrar-General's Office, with stealing two young girls of 14 and 17 years of age respectively (English equivalent 13 and 16) from Kowloon, China. The children belonged to a place named Kow Tow, and had gone to Kowloon to buy things. The defendant told them she would take them to a place in a steamer and make actresses of them. The children accompanied the woman to Hongkong, but were followed and discovered by their mothers at this city.

Mr. Kemp said the trouble was that it was an offence committed in China. He might be able to convict defendant for bringing the children here for prostitution, however. He would remand the case.

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Hongkong, 31st July, 1903.THE TRADITIONAL POLICY  
OF RUSSIA.

HOW IT IS BEING WORKED OUT.

Anyone who reads a copy of the will of Peter the Great must be astonished to see how exactly and faithfully his instructions have been carried out, and are continuing to be at this time. Dr. H. Bowles Franklyn has published the following literal translation of the last will and testament which we now give for the information of our readers, although it has often been published before.

In the name of the most holy and indivisible Trinity, we Peter I., Emperor and Autocrat of all the Russias, to our descendants to the throne and government of the Russian nation, the all powerful, to whom we owe our existence, and being constantly guided by His light, and sustained by His Divine support, makes us regard the Russian people as called in the future to be the dominant race in Europe. This idea strikes us from the fact that European nations have for the greater part arrived at a state of old age allied to decay, or at all events this approach to decay, and I leave her, my successors will make her a great sea destined to fertilise impoverished Europe, and her waves, the banks thrown up will fail in opposing, if my descendants know how to direct the waters. It is just for this reason that I leave the following instructions, and I recommend them to their attention and constant observation.

I.—To keep Russia in a state for continual war, to hold the soldier ever ready, and never give him rest except for the purpose of improving the finances of the country and the improvement of the army. To choose the most favourable moment for attack, to follow up success by war, and war by peace, in the interest, aggrandisement, and growing prosperity of Russia.

II.—To notice by every means possible from the closest people of Europe, officers during war, and savants during peace, in order to improve the Russians at the expense of other nations without losing her own advantages.

III.—To take part on every occasion in the affairs and discussions of Europe, whatever they may be, and especially in those concerning Germany, who as our most intimate neighbour interests us most directly.

IV.—To divide Poland, and keep up there a constant disorder and continual jealousy, gain over the other Powers at the price of gold, influence their assemblies and corrupt them, so as to obtain an interest in the election of kings, to name partisans and protect them as an excuse for the entry of Muscovite troops, there to sojourn till the day arrives for a permanent occupation. If the neighbouring Powers put forth difficulties, tranquillise them for a moment by dividing the country until we can retake as much of it as we have given up to them.

V.—To take as much as we can of Sweden, and get her to attack us in order that we may have the pretext for subjugating her. For this purpose we must isolate Denmark from Sweden and favour the rivalry between these countries.

VI.—To always choose German Princesses for our Princes in order to promote family alliance, reunite our interests, and so bring Germany over to our cause for the augmentation of our influence.

VII.—To give the preference to an alliance with England for commerce, she being the Power which has the greatest need of us for our marine, and at the same time can be most useful to us for the development of our own.

VIII.—To extend ourselves, without ceasing, towards the North, along the Baltic, and also towards the south along the Black Sea.

IX.—To approach as near as possible to Constantinople and India. Whoever governs there will be the true sovereign of the world. Consequently we must excite continual wars, not only in Turkey, but in Persia. Establish dockyards on the Black Sea, being upon little pieces near this as well as on the Baltic, which is doubly necessary for the attainment of our project. And in the defence of Persia, penetrate as far as the Persian Gulf, re-establish if it be possible the ancient commerce with the Levant, advance as far as India, which is the depot of the world. Arrived at this point, we shall have no longer need of England's gold.

X.—To endeavour to maintain with care the alliance with the house of Austria, appear to support her in her views of future domination of Germany and foster below the surface the jealousy of the princes. Endeavour to get her to demand the assistance of Russia by one kind of means or by another, and to exercise over the country a species of protection which may prepare for future domination.

XI.—To interest the House of Austria in the chasing of the Turk out of Europe, to neutralise her jealousies at the moment of the conquest of Constantinople, either by the exciting her to war with the great Powers of Europe or by giving her a portion of the conquest which one will retake from her at a later period.

XII.—To endeavour to reunite around us all the disunited and schismatic Greeks who are scattered over Hungary or Turkey or the middle of Poland, to be their centre, their support, to establish in advance an universal predominance by means of a kind of automatic or sacerdotal supremacy as a friend to each enemy.

XIII.—Sweden being dismembered, Persia subjugated, Poland crushed, Turkey conquered, our army reunited, the Black Sea and Baltic guarded by our ships, we must then propose separately, and very secretly first to the Court of Versailles, then to that of Vienna, to share with them the empire of the universe. If one of the two accept, which is nearly certain, by flattering her ambition and offering proper, to make use of her for crushing the other. Finally

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XIV.—If (which is not possible) each of these should refuse the project of Russia, we must know how to excite to quarrel the one with the other, and so act that they may enfeeble themselves through each other. Then, taking advantage of the decisive moment, Russia must advance her troops, now reunited, on Germany, at the same time send two considerable fleets, one starting from the Sea of Azov and the other from Archangel with Asiatic troops, through the assistance of these armed fleets from the Black Sea and Baltic, advancing by the Mediterranean and the ocean, France will be invaded on one side, Germany on the other. These two countries conquered, the rest of Europe will pass easily and without striking a blow beneath the yoke. It is thus that one can, one ought to, subjugate Europe.

SIR HENRY BLAKE'S CHALLENGE  
SHIELD.

FOR THE HONGKONG VOLUNTEERS.

The Hongkong Volunteers shoot for Sir Henry A. Blake's Challenge Shield, an annual competition, on Saturday, 3rd inst., commencing at 1.30 p.m. The conditions are as follows:—

1.—The Shield shall be competed for in a musketry competition annually by teams of five men from the Engineer Company and from each Half Artillery Company. It is to be clearly understood that no man who is not efficient will be allowed to compete.

2.—The name of the Commanding Officer of the winning unit and the names of the winning team shall be engraved upon the centre shield, and after the next annual competition the names shall be transferred to the uppermost shield on the left, while the centre shield be unengraved and become the property of the Commanding Officer of the unit whose name is borne on it, another shield of the same size engraved with the names of the new winners being substituted, and so on.

3.—The range and positions to be:—Carbines, 200 yards, 400 yards, 500 yards; Rifles, 200, 500 and 600. Any position.

Competitors will use the weapons as issued from the Armory of the H.K.V.C., but private slings will be allowed. The back-sight bar must not be reversed. Seven shots to be fired by each competitor at each range, and one sighting shot, one blow off to be allowed at the 200 yards range only. The order of firing by units to be settled by lot, a day previous to the competition. Each competition to be carried out all on one day, to be appointed by the Commandant. All competitors to be in uniform. The competition to be carried out as far as possible under Blaise rules, but without prejudice to any of the above mentioned conditions. Two reserves required with each team. No orthopedics, venis, or paint will be allowed, but plain glasses will be permitted in case of defective eyesight.

## SHIPPING NOTES.

JOINT ACTION IN LIGHTS.  
Captain Coby, the Superintendent of light-house construction in the Philippines, has been on a trip among the islands, on departmental duty. The trip extended as far south as Luban and British North Borneo. Officials in both islands were consulted and plans mapped out; whereby the British and Philippine Governments will act conjointly in placing new lights in the extreme southern islands. This proposed new system of lights will be installed on the chain of islands extending from Mindanao and Sulu to Borneo.

V. FATHER.  
The *Lord Oranoid*, from the west, reports fine weather. The *Lok Sang* from Chefoo, reports fine weather. The *Helios* from Swaow, reports fine weather. The *Sansan* from Bangkok, reports calm. The *Proton* had a fine passage from Chefoo to Hongkong. The *Siberia* had a fine trip along the coast from Shanghai. The *Frithjof* arrived from Swatow yesterday after a fine passage. The *Kuan Tak*, from Shanghai, reports misty and rainy to Tung-jing, thence to port fine-moderate moonson. The *Chenau* experienced fair weather between Hilo and Hongkong. She arrived here yesterday. The *Huikou*, from Swatow, had a fine passage.

SUGAR.  
The *Chenau* arrived from Hilo yesterday with 3,000 tons of sugar for Messrs. Butterfield and Swire.

COAL.  
The *s.s. Lord Oranoid* arrived from Barry, South Wales, yesterday with 5,000 tons of coal for Messrs. Doolittle & Co.

RICE.  
The *s.s. Salsan* arrived from Saigon yesterday with 1,800 tons of rice for Messrs. Butterfield & Co. The *Sansan*, from Bangkok, had 1,900 tons of rice and 90 tons of timber for Messrs. Butterfield and Swire.

THE *Indo-China* *Lok Sang*, from Chefoo, had 50 tons of cargo for Hongkong. The *s.s. Siberia* arrived from San Francisco. During the voyage there was one death and one birth, the total number of people on board at the time of arrival being thus equalised. The *Norwegian* *s.s. Frithjof* continues to ply between Tientsin, Swatow, and Hongkong for the Osaka Shosen Kaisha. The *China Merchants* *Kuan Tak*, on the Shanghai-Canton run, arrived from the North yesterday. She had 1,914 tons of general cargo for Hongkong, 2,914 for Canton.

SPEAKER'S MOVEMENTS.  
The *Indo-China* steamer *Amoy* left Calcutta for this port via the Straits on the 17th inst., and may be expected here on the 4th prox. The *B.A.C.* steamer *Strasbourg* from Hamburg, left for this port on the 19th inst., a.m., and may be expected here on the 25th inst., at daylight. The *J.C.F.* *Lia* steamer *Thalys* left Marseilles for this port on the 18th inst., and may be expected here on the 28th inst. The *C.P.R.* steamer *Empress of China* arrived at Vancouver at 4.30 p.m. on the 15th inst.

## CLUB GERMANIA.

NOTICE.

THE 6th ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the Club Germania will be held in the CLUB HOUSE, on MONDAY, the 25th APRIL, 1904, at 5.30 p.m.

By Order, G. FRIESLAND,  
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 18th April, 1904. [1039]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of Members of the above Club will be held in the CITY HALL, on SATURDAY, the 30th APRIL inst., at 4 p.m.

By Order, T. F. HUGH,  
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1904. [1040]

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TERMS—As usual. For full particulars, apply to HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1904. [1019]

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 April 20, FRITHJOF, Norwegian str., 891, Haraldsen, Tamsui and Swatow 19th April.—OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA.  
 April 20, HAITAN, British str., 1,182, T. S. Roach, Foochow via Amoy and Swatow 19th April, General.—DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.  
 April 20, HONGHONG, British str., 896, W. Shaw, Swatow 19th April, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.  
 April 20, KWANGTUNG, Chinese str., 1,336, W. H. Lincoln, Shanghai 17th April, General.—CHINESE.  
 April 20, LOKSANG, British str., 979, Johns, Newchwang 13th April, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.  
 April 20, LOH OI MONDIE, British str., 2,532, James Aiken, Barry Dock 5th March, Coal.—ARMHOLD, KARBURG & Co.  
 April 20, PRINCE, Norwegian str., 837, T. Soeborg, Newchwang 12th April and Chefoo 14th, Beans and Oil.—E. A. TRADING CO.  
 April 20, Seward, U.S. transport, 1,250, Cressley, Manila 16th April.  
 April 20, SIBERIA, Amr. str., 5,655, J. Tremaine Smith, San Francisco 23rd March and Shanghai 18th April, Mail and General.—P. M. S. Co.  
 April 20, SISHAN, British str., 845, A. Jones, Saigon 16th April, Rice and Meal.—BRADLEY & Co.

## CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOR MASTER'S OFFICE.  
 20th April.  
 Coeur, British str., for Foochow.  
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 Hahowa, British str., for Amoy.

## DEPARTURES.

20th April.  
 ARMENIA, German str., for Shanghai.  
 CLAVIER, British str., for Yokohama.  
 EMPRESS OF INDIA, British str., for Vancouver.  
 JOHANN, German str., for Swatow.  
 KAIKONG, British str., for Manila.  
 KANSU, British str., for Tientsin.  
 MANILA, British str., for Shanghai.  
 MANQUIS BACQUHAY, Aust. str., for Shanghai.  
 NERS, British str., for Sasebo.  
 PERRACH, German str., for Chefoo.  
 PHILIP C. LAO, German str., for Kobe.  
 PIRANANG, German str., for Swatow.  
 QUEEN LOUISE, British str., for Rangoon.  
 TRIJOS, German str., for Swatow.  
 YIKSANG, British str., for Swatow.

## VESSELS IN DOCK.

20th April.  
 ABERDEEN DOCK.—Tatoh.  
 KOWLOON DOCK.—H. I. G. M. S. Mocha, Lia Tan, Athenian, Adanator, Takang, San Francisco, Tweeddale, Kishan, Hailan, Seward, COSMOPOLITAN DOCK.—Clavering.

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 Hongkong, 19th April, 1904. [1051]

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 Captain Roach, will be despatched for the above ports TO-MORROW, the 22nd inst., at 11 A.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to  
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 Hongkong, 20th April, 1904. [1057]

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 Captain McIntosh, will be despatched as above on or about the 7th May.  
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 Hongkong, 15th April, 1904. [1021]

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DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAMES	FLAG	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	BENGAL	Brit. str.	G. Phillips	P. & O. S. N. Co.	23rd inst., at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP	TELEMACHUS	Brit. str.	J. D. Andrews	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	28th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	PAWLAN	Brit. str.	J. D. Andrews	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 27th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP (VIA SUEZ CANAL)	BREITENBURG	Brit. str.	McIntosh	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	About 7th May.
LONDON & ANTWERP	ANTONOR	Brit. str.	McIntosh	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	10th May.
LONDON & ANTWERP	ALCIBIOUS	Brit. str.	McIntosh	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	24th May.
MARSHFIELD, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	PROMETHEUS	Brit. str.	McIntosh	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	7th June.
BREMEN, VIA PORTS OF CALL	ANNAM	Brit. str.	R. Girard	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	3rd May, at 1 P.M.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	P. HEINRICH	Ger. str.	R. Heintze	MELCHERS & CO.	27th inst., at Noon.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	ARTEMISIA	Ger. str.	Dohren	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	28th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	MARBURG	Ger. str.	Gronmeyer	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	12th May.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	STRASSBURG	Ger. str.	Sturm	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	17th May.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SEGOVIA	Ger. str.	Madsen	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	31st May.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	NURNBERG	Ger. str.	Porek	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	14th June.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	ACHILLES	Brit. str.	Jaburg	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	14th June.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	DEUCALION	Brit. str.	McIntosh	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	14th June.
NEW YORK, VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	SHIMOSA	Brit. str.	McIntosh	DODWELL & CO., LD.	About early May.
VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	E. OF JAPAN	Brit. str.	McIntosh	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	11th May.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & TACOMA VIA JAPAN	ATHENIAN	Brit. str.	McIntosh	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	27th inst.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	LYRA	Brit. str.	G. V. Williams	DODWELL & CO., LIMITED	4th May.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	CAUCHAS	Brit. str.	McIntosh	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	17th May.
MOJI, SALINA CRUZ (MEXICO) &c.	TAIYUAN	Brit. str.	McIntosh	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	23rd inst.
SHANGHAI, CHINKIANG & WUHU	EMPIRE	Brit. str.	Holms	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	11th May, Noon.
SHANGHAI	CLAVIER	Brit. str.	Barton	CHINA COM. S.S. CO.	23rd inst., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	KOWLOON	Ger. str.	C. Stehr	SIEMSEN & CO.	To-day, at 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI	KWANGHAI	Brit. str.	McIntosh	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day.
SHANGHAI	SHANGHAI	Brit. str.	McIntosh	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	23rd inst.
SHANGHAI	CHUAN	Brit. str.	W. B. Palmer	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 24th inst.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	YUNNAN	Brit. str.	McIntosh	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day.
POOCHOW, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	TRIUMPH	Jan. str.	A. Hansen	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	27th inst., 10 A.M.
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	EMPIRE	Jan. str.	H. A. Harrison	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	24th inst., 10 A.M.
ANPING, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	M. STRAUVE	Jan. str.	T. Brandt	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	1st May, 10 A.M.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW	TRITON	Jan. str.	H. Kraft	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	4th May, 10 A.M.
MANILA DIRECT	HAITAN	Brit. str.	Roech	DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & CO.	To-morrow, 11 A.M.
MANILA DIRECT	ZAFIRO	Brit. str.	R. Rodger	SHAWAN, TOMES & CO.	23rd inst., 10 A.M.
MANILA DIRECT	SUNGKIANG	Brit. str.	McIntosh	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	27th inst.
MANILA DIRECT	RUBI	Brit. str.	R. W. Almond	SHAWAN, TOMES & CO.	About 3rd May.
MANILA DIRECT	SWAMUT	Brit. str.	W. M. Smith	DODWELL & CO., LD.	About 3rd May.
MANILA DIRECT	EMPIRE	Brit. str.	Holms	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	11th May, at Noon.
CEBU & LOILO	WUCHANG	Brit. str.	McIntosh	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	28th inst.

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 Hongkong, 18th April, 1904. [16]

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 AND AMOY { "M. STRAUVE" ..... SUNDAY, 1st }  
 AND AMOY { T. BRANDT ..... May, at 10 A.M. }  
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 AND AMOY { H. KRAFT ..... May, at 10 A.M. }

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 Hongkong, 20th April, 1904. T. ARIMA, Manager [15]

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 SEGOVIA ..... HAVRE and HAMBURG ..... On 14th June. Freight.  
 Capt. Förek ..... (Calling at Singapore and Penang) .....  
 NURNBERG ..... HAVRE and HAMBURG ..... On 25th June. Freight.  
 Capt. Jaburg ..... (Calling at Singapore and Colombo) .....  
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SACHSEN	...	...	...	WEDNESDAY	8th June
ZIETEN	...	...	...	WEDNESDAY	22nd June
SEYDLITZ	...	...	...	WEDNESDAY	6th July
ROON	...	...	...	WEDNESDAY	20th July
PREUSSEN	...	...	...	WEDNESDAY	3rd August
PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD	...	...	...	WEDNESDAY	17th August
PRINZ HEINRICH	...	...	...	WEDNESDAY	31st August
GNEISENAU	...	...	...	WEDNESDAY	14th September
HAYERN	...	...	...	WEDNESDAY	28th September
SACHSEN	...	...	...	WEDNESDAY	12th October
ZIETEN	...	...	...	WEDNESDAY	26th October
PRINZESS ALICE	...	...	...	WEDNESDAY	9th November
PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD	...	...	...	WEDNESDAY	23rd November
PREUSSEN	...	...	...	WEDNESDAY	7th December
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 TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW { "TRIUMPH" ..... WEDNESDAY, 27th }  
 ANPING, VIA SWATOW { A. HANSEN ..... April, at 10 A.M. }  
 AND AMOY { "M. STRAUVE" ..... SUNDAY, 1st }  
 AND AMOY { T. BRANDT ..... May, at 10 A.M. }  
 AND AMOY { "TRITON" ..... WEDNESDAY, 4th }  
 AND AMOY { H. KRAFT ..... May, at 10 A.M. }

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## WAR NOTES.

FROM SHANGHAI.

We take the following telegrams from the N.C. Daily News:

"Tokyo, 16th April.—The opinion prevails in enlightened circles in Tokyo that the war may not continue as long as was originally expected. The Japanese simply appreciate the significance of the Anglo-French Agreement."

"Tokyo, 16th April.—It is officially announced that the Japanese commenced the action on the 11th instant, opening the eighth attack. At midnight on the 12th the Japanese destroyers sank one Russian destroyer, but missed another. The *Petropavlovsk* was blown up by striking a mechanical mine laid by the Japanese prior to the attack. The Japanese received the attack on the afternoon of the 14th and continued it until 1.30 in the afternoon of the 15th. The new cruisers *Nishin* and *Kasuga* made an indirect bombardment for two hours of Electric Hill, and their guns satisfactory. The only Japanese loss was two men slightly wounded. Though the fleet during the successive engagements was manoeuvring amidst the enemy's mines, they suffered no damage."

"Tokyo, 17th April.—The vessels that took part in the engagement at Port Arthur on the 13th and 14th instant were the ironclads *Mikasa*, *Habuse*, *Asahi*, *Shikishima*, *Fuji*, and *Yashima*; the armoured cruisers *Nishin* and *Kasuga*; the protected cruisers *Takasago*, *Kasagi*, *Chitose*, and *Yoshino*; twelve destroyers; and four torpedo-boats. Damaged at the disastrous sinking of the *Petropavlovsk*, the other Russian vessels were extremely confused and fired indiscriminately into the water for the purpose of avoiding a torpedo-attack. The Japanese believe that the Port Arthur squadron can now be no longer considered a fleet in being. The people in Japan are marvellously calm."

"Peking, 15th April.—Russia has established a military telephone between Port Arthur and St. Petersburg, with six exchanging stations. Smallpox is prevalent in the Russian camp at Liaoyang; there are a hundred or more cases daily among the Russian troops."

## MISCELLANEOUS.

A representative of the *Echo de Paris* has had an interview with M. de Nelidoff, the Russian Ambassador, who gave it as his opinion that the war would be an excellent thing for Russia, since the large influx of soldiers and officials would make Eastern Siberia more Russian than it had ever been before. "There must now," added M. de Nelidoff, "be from 200,000 to 250,000 men there, but I do not believe that operations will be begun until 200,000 more are concentrated in the country. No decisive action will be taken for three, perhaps four months. By that time Eastern Siberia will have become completely Russian."

It is stated that ten thousand horses for the Japanese Army will be purchased within the next ten months in Eastern Washington and Oregon. The contract for the supply of these mountaineers has been awarded to Dr. Armstrong, of Nelson, British Columbia, through the Japanese Consulate in Vancouver. The agreement specifies that 1,000 animals per month shall be delivered. The price is not mentioned, but the quality of the horses will be of the best as none other will be accepted. Some of the horses will be procured from the ranges in the interior of the province, but by far the greater majority will be purchased from the breeders in Eastern Washington and Oregon, where the strain is better.

A telegram from Vienna, dated the 7th April, says:—The Paris Banks, which already hold a large number of Russian Bonds, have been buying up Russian Bonds on the open market, since the outbreak of war, in order to maintain quotations. The leading financiers, however, expect that Russian Bonds will fall to half their value. They take a very pessimistic view of the financial outlook on the Continent. A disastrous panic is looked for in the near future.

## SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board will be held at 4.15 p.m. to-day.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. The Report of the Sanitary Surveyor for the first Quarter of 1904.
2. Correspondence relative to the advisability of the contractor increasing the number of scavenging coolies employed by him in Health Districts 1 and 2.
3. Further correspondence relative to the drainage system.
4. Application for a modification of the requirements of Section 180 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, in respect of three Chinese houses proposed to be erected on Kowloon Island Lot 899, Mong-kok-tai.
5. Applications for licences and the renewal of same as detailed below:—  
Pork.—Promises on lot 292, Shaukivan; No. 113, Market Street, Hongkong.  
Beef.—No. 10, Wing Fung Street.  
Fish and Vegetables.—No. 7, Bridges Row, Quarry Bay.  
Poultry Store.—No. 3, Tsing Kai Lane.
6. Applications that the following premises may be registered or re-registered for the purposes stated:—  
Bake-houses.—No. 337, Queen's Road West; No. 35, Elgin Street; No. 126, Queen's Road Central; No. 226, Des Vaux Road West.  
Laundries.—No. 16, Elgin Street; No. 109, Station Street South, Yau-mat; No. 16, Wo On Lane; No. 9, Gage Street, and No. 25, Austin Road, Kowloon.
7. Mortality Statistics for the weeks ended 19th and 26th March, 1904.
8. Rat return for the fortnight ended the 18th April, 1904.
9. Lime-washing return for the fortnight ended the 12th April, 1904.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## PUBLIC BAND PERFORMANCES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Hongkong, 19th April.

Sir,—The announcement in your columns of the performance of a German naval band in the Gardens will doubtless be welcome news to many, but it nevertheless does not fail to reflect on the absence of a town band, such as is provided for the residents by the municipal authorities in Shanghai. In that model settlement the band plays every week in the Gardens, in Singapore the band plays once a month, and in Manila the inhabitants look upon the promenades in the Luneta as a regular thing. Here in Hongkong, however, things are managed for rather different reasons in a vastly different way. We have, unfortunately, to depend on every whim of gold-laced officers, who, whilst seeing no violent objections to their bands supplying musical treats in such places as hotels, concerts, bazaars, etc., strenuously object to anything like an open air performance, for the benefit of Hongkong's languid and weary taxpayers, who, by the way, have to disgorge a handsome sum annually towards the military contribution. A notable instance of this is in the utter cessation of promenades on the Parade Ground introduced by Major-General Gascoigne about a year ago, and I am writing these lines in the hope that his successor, Major-General Villiers Hutton, will see his way to reviving this popular innovation once more. It is an ignominious stigma that the Crown Colony like Hongkong should be practically led by the nose, and taught its duty, by the band of a foreign warship, casually a visitor in the harbour.—Yours faithfully,

SEMI-BREVE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Hongkong, 20th April.

Sir,—It is really gratifying to see the large cosmopolitan crowd that was in the Public Garden on Tuesday afternoon to listen to the music so ably discoursed by the band of the German cruiser *Hansa* by the kind permission of H. E. Admiral Von Holtzendorff, and I am sure that it is equally gratifying to the Admiral, the officers, and the crew of the *Hansa* to see that the people of Hongkong fully appreciated the treat which they were kind enough to provide them with, a treat of a kind which, in Hongkong, is few and far between, although we have no less than four military bands stationed here. Now the band of a foreign warship had taken the initiative, and proved that band performances in a place like our beautiful Botanical Garden, with its pleasant surroundings, are a success. I hope that the powers that be will see their way clear to follow the example set by our German friends, and allow the bands to play once a week at least in the Garden during the summer months. Hongkong is proverbially known to be dull, more so during the summer months, and I am sure that if my suggestion is followed, the authorities will be conferring a boon on the people of Hongkong, the majority of whom are deprived of cheap amusements. I do not mean by this that the band performances in the Parade Ground, kindly and thoughtfully instituted by General Gascoigne, should be abolished; let those be continued as before. Surely I am not asking too much, considering that in Shanghai the Town Band plays daily in the Public Garden? I hope that this letter will have a good result.—Yours, etc.

COLONIST.

## BOWLING.

## HONGKONG CLUB V. CLUB GERMANIA.

The bowling match for the Challenge Shield between the Hongkong Club and the Club Germania terminated yesterday evening on the alleys of the two clubs. The Hongkong Club started with a lead of 419 points on Tuesday's play, but the Germans pulled up in a wonderful manner yesterday and were only beaten by 132 points finally. The Hongkong Club, however, succeeded in winning the Shield outright.

The scores were as follows, those marked with an asterisk being made on the Hongkong Club alleys:—

HONGKONG CLUB.		HONGKONG CLUB.	
J. W. C. Doherty	234 116 203 198 751	E. Elberius	174 206 161 143 687
183 109 172 153 635 149		183 158 111 12 724 1411	
C. P. Chater	192 168 190 156 706	G. Engel	178 172 176 137 663
227 148 237 142 751 1169		153 187 142 102 434 1227	
C. H. Gale	127 142 267 140 676	C. Koch	144 156 193 184 687
174 155 112 163 635 171		208 181 123 111 524 1331	
T. C. Gray	147 204 168 135 655	C. H. Lammert	193 196 158 182 729
219 162 147 157 685 1349		213 217 163 113 716 1435	
H. Hancock	214 151 167 168 700	A. Rombach	165 175 172 177 630
144 203 151 126 624 1321		221 173 213 176 783 1413	
J. Hooper	162 190 146 138 726	W. O. C. Spalckoven	185 148 138 162 633
181 153 170 125 624 1365		175 185 206 128 691 1233	
E. H. Hinds	167 200 196 153 725	A. Thiesen	130 211 69 129 539
164 174 185 188 711 1426		191 246 213 115 706 1365	
F. Maitland	227 219 202 182 737	J. Wachter	150 182 235 166 773
163 159 145 119 586 1383		231 182 134 121 685 1441	

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E. Elberius	174 206 161 143 687
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G. Engel	178 172 176 137 663
153 187 142 102 434 1227	
C. Koch	144 156 193 184 687
208 181 123 111 524 1331	
C. H. Lammert	193 196 158 182 729
213 217 163 113 716 1435	
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Altogether since the competition started the Hongkong Club has won nine matches against the German Club's seven.

## CANTON.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

Canton, 18th April.

## ESCAPES FROM JUSTICE.

Pui King Fok, the late Nanhui Magistrate, of whom so much has been written, and who was charged with misfeasance in office, has at last "bolted." He was put in prison and strictly watched by the Puiyu Magistrate; but during the last few months he was allowed to leave the yamen privately, with full liberty to go out and come in whenever he liked. He took the opportunity to shift the residence of his family from one place to another to escape observation. One or two days he took passage on board one of the river steamers and went to Hongkong. The Puiyu Magistrate, when he knew, went with some soldiers to Po Wa Street where Pui's residence was, and, finding an old man and a coolie watching the house, took them both into custody to be examined. The present Nanhui Magistrate, Yow, and the Puiyu Magistrate both went in a Chinese gunboat to pursue Pui. It is also said that he has gone to Macao. Viceroy Shum is very angry, and it is said that he has given orders to degrade the prefect of Kwangchow-fu as well as the two Magistrates. Pui was fined \$120,000; instead of paying the fine he remitted the money to Hongkong to facilitate his escape, leaving his furniture in Canton to be seized by the officials.

Lai Sai Kwai, the late *fautan* monopolist, has also escaped. He was accused of misappropriating the *fautan* revenue, and fined \$500,000. Over twenty soldiers went to his last place of residence in Kwan Po Street and found the door locked and strongly secured. They borrowed a saw and big hammer from a carpenter in the neighbourhood and broke open the door, and found nobody inside, only some old furniture.

## THE PAKHOI SUICIDE.

Cheung Yoo Choi, the late commander of the Canton native army, has committed suicide. He was an adopted son of the late Admiral Cheung Chow Chung. During the Kwangsi rebellion he was ordered by the Viceroy to take troops against the rebels. Of late he received orders from the Viceroy to disband his troops; in consequence, some of them joined the rebels. The Viceroy censured him, where on he took a revolver and putting it into his mouth blew out his brains.

## RELEASED ON PROBATION.

A Captain Cheung Tak Kwai was accused of misappropriating the pay of his soldiers and permitting some of them to join the rebels. On the 26th of the Chinese moon he returned from Kwangsi with his family and had an interview with the Viceroy. The latter ordered a court-martial composed of the Commissioners of Grains, of Salt, and of Revenue, the magistrates of Nanhui and Puiyu being present, and also the public executioner, who was waiting in one of the halls. After the trial Cheung was sentenced to be beheaded. When he was asked if he liked to see his family to bid them a final good-bye, he said no—as it was his destiny he was prepared to die; he then sent word to his son "not to be a mandarin." He said there was no proof of his guilt. Upon the two generals Kwang Kip and Chung Hup reporting the matter again to the Viceroy His Excellency ordered him to be released and sent him to Kwangsi to fight the rebels again, saying that he must suppress the rebellion in three months.

## SUCCESSFUL INTERVENTION.

Li Sin I, General of the Pakhoi troops, was accused of some crime which has not been proved; it is believed that some mandarin charged him in order to get a squeeze. One of the Consuls (not of Canton) wrote a despatch to the Viceroy saying that Li Sin I was sick, and as he wanted him to get cured in Europe, he took him away.

## RED CROSS FOR KWANGSI.

A patriotic Chinese lady, by name Cheung Chuk Kwan, has formed a society which she has called by the name of the Red Cross Society, composed mostly of Chinese women and girls. The object of the society is to attend to the sick and wounded soldiers in the fight against the rebels.

[FROM THE "CHUNG NGOI SAN PO."]

## TO RAISE MONEY.

It is reported that a Thotai surname Wong has proposed to the Viceroy a new method of levying on prepared opium, a tax of four candelers to be imposed on each tael. It invites the co-operation of the merchants of the raw opium and prepared opium guilds. Ten per cent. of the tax is employed to defray the expenses of collecting the revenue and twenty per cent. to be given as bonus to the leading persons who undertake the work. If the opium-merchants refuse to accept the new method and go on strike, one million taels are to be drawn from the Government Treasury to open shops to sell prepared opium under the charge of officers, and illicit opium is to be strictly prohibited.

It is reported that To-Shing, in the vicinity of Wuchow, will be soon opened as a large market-place and some merchants have been going there lately day after day to inspect the place for the purpose of buying land on which to erect godowns and build shops.

## HOLD BRIGANDS.

The notorious robbers in Nanhui and Shantai districts, being quite conscious of the weakness of the officials, are now doing things openly under the very noses of the authorities. They have posted up notices everywhere asking their followers and other criminals, to whom they are offered them high rewards, to decoy or capture well-to-do citizens, who are to be brought to them to be held for ransom, from different villages. They are now sending agents to different places to find out the names of the rich persons secretly. The victims are to be divided into three classes according to the value of their property, so that they are able to understand what will be the ransom when they are captured.

## ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

MR. W. D. DIXON'S CUP.

On the 17th instant there was a good muster of the fleet to compete for a cup kindly presented by Mr. B. Dixon to be raced for, the only absentee being *Erica*. There was a moderate breeze from the eastward.

The course was as follows:—Mark-boats off Stonecutter's Island (port); mark-boats off Green Island (starboard); rock in Chin Wan channel (starboard), and finish off the Police Pier, Kowloon.

The start was a very pretty one. *Chanticleer* and *Vernon* getting off first. All set spinners starboard for the run to the Stonecutter's mark-boats. The breeze was a fresh one, and the boats were travelling very quickly, and the Stonecutter's mark was rounded by *Chanticleer* and *Vernon* first, then *Diane*, with the rest close up. Here main-booms were gybed to starboard, and spinners again set for the beach to Green Island. *Vernon* and *Diane* passed *Chanticleer*, but on arriving at the Green Island mark, *Vernon* passed it on the wrong side, namely to port instead of to starboard, and *Diane* followed suit, so that both on finding their mistake had to go round again. This caused some confusion in the fleet, and *Erica*, taking advantage of it, assumed first place with *Colleen* and *Elspeth* second and third. It was now a broad reach to Chin Wan channel against the ebb tide, which was pouring fast out of Chin Wan Bay. *Vernon* again showed her powers of speed by passing the other boats, and assumed first place; *Iris* and *Mia* amused themselves by having a luffing match, which somewhat delayed them. *Vernon*, on arrival at the rock, had a substantial lead, but on rounding the rock, although she gave it a reasonable berth, she struck an outlying rock under water about 20 feet from the main rock and remained fast, and before her crew were successful in getting her off she had been passed by *Elspeth*, *Colleen*, and *Diane*. She then, however, slid off the rock and proceeded. This incident shows the danger of making unknown rocks marks in the courses, especially when they are to be rounded at or near low water, and on future occasions it would be well for the Committee to examine rocks carefully before making them marks in races.

It was then a beat with a north-easterly wind to the starting line. *Diane* soon assumed pride of place, and sailing very fast increased her lead, and after rounding the Eastern point of Stonecutters, *Vernon* again passed *Elspeth*. Meanwhile, however, *Iris*, exercising excellent judgment, had gone outside of Stonecutter's contrary to the opinion of the rest of the fleet, who all chose the "inside" passage. *Iris* proved to have been amply justified in her choice, for outside Stonecutter's the wind proved more northerly, and she actually was able to make the line on the port tack, without making a single tack between the point of Stonecutter's and the finishing line, except a short hitch at the finish, while the rest of the fleet had to make several tacks inside Stonecutter's. In these circumstances, of course, it was impossible for the newer boats to concede the *Iris* the 13 minutes' time which they had to allow her under the handicap, and *Iris* proved to be an easy winner.

The course did not prove to be a good one, as, with the exception of two or three tacks inside Stonecutter's, which, as it turned out, were hardly necessary, there was no windward work whatever throughout the race. The older boats have been having all their own way in handicap races lately, and the Committee must either reduce the handicaps materially, or should see that courses are chosen in which there is a substantial amount of windward work to be done.

The times of finishing are appended:

	H.	M.	S.
<i>Diane</i>	3	16	28
<i>Vernon</i>	3	19	7
<i>Elspeth</i>	3	20	20
<i>Aileen</i>	3	22	52
<i>Alannah</i>	3	24	3
<i>Iris</i>	3	24	30
<i>Chanticleer</i>	3	26	52
<i>Colleen</i>	3	26	17
<i>Mia</i>	3	26	35
<i>Bonito</i>	3	27	24
<i>Gloria</i>	3	35	22
<i>Pygmy</i>	3	36	20
<i>Kathleen</i>	3	36	20

After the race, members adjourned to Mr. Dixon's launch, where the health of the winner and donor of the cup were drunk with enthusiasm.

## SUPREME COURT.

Wednesday, 20th April.

## IN CRIMINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIR WILLIAM M. GOODMAN (CHIEF JUSTICE).

## ARBON CASE.

There was again called the adjourned case in which Leung Pan Wan and Sin Man Wan were charged with having on 20th March set fire to the dwelling-house No. 45, Gough Street, certain persons being then therein.

Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., who conducted the prosecution for the Crown (instructed by Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Crown Solicitor), had finished the examination of witnesses on the previous evening.

The following was the jury:—Messrs. K. C. H. Newman, J. Lysaght, G. Pickering, M. Steger, D. K. Moss, T. C. Downing, and E. J. Judah.

The jury having been charged by his Lordship brought in a verdict of guilty against both defendants.

His Lordship before passing sentence asked the prisoners how long they had been connected with this shop.

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Both declared that they had come down from Canton only a day or two before the fire.

His Lordship remarked that there was no doubt they were employed as trusted emissaries to burn down this place, the master taking good care to get out of the way by going off to Canton. Both men would have to go to prison for seven years with hard labour, and he would ask the police to make a note that at the end of their term they be deported from the Colony as undesirable characters. In passing this sentence his Lordship said he had taken into account the fact that the house was not burned down.

## A BRIBERY CASE.

Tsoi Wai, a meat contractor, was charged with having, on 11th April, procured a bribe of \$20 to be offered to A. Watson, a public servant, the senior inspector in charge of the Government depot for animals and slaughter-house, with a view to influence his conduct as a public servant in connection with the inspection and slaughtering of animals brought by Tsoi Wai to the depot and slaughter-house.

He pleaded not guilty.

Hon. Sir Henry S. Berkeley, Attorney-General (instructed by Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Crown Solicitor), conducted the prosecution; and Mr. M. W. Slade, barrister-at-law (instructed by Mr. J. Hastings, solicitor), appeared for the defence.

The following jury was empanelled:—Messrs. J. D. Morrison, G. L. Duncan, E. R. Udall, J. F. M. White, J. O. E. Meyer, E. O. Murphy, and P. Dow.

The Attorney-General in opening the case stated that Inspector Watson was senior inspector in charge of the Government cattle depot and slaughter-house at Kennedy-town. Prisoner was a butcher and held a meat contract for supplying the military authorities. He habitually had cattle in the depot. The inspector therefore was a person with whom prisoner would wish to stand well; that was a fair inference to be brought from their relative positions. Prisoner was indicted for an offence against the bribery law as set forth in section 4 of Ordinance 3 of 1898, under which it was an offence to cause or procure a bribe to be offered to a public servant. The inspector was married, and had two little girls, one aged eight and the other four years. Mr. and Mrs. Watson and their children lived at Kennedytown beside the cattle depot. On 11th April, the day on which they alleged the bribe to have been sent, defendant had some cattle in the observation shed or quarantine; the inspector would tell them that defendant usually had some cattle in quarantine.

While quarantine was necessary to the public health, in order to ensure that we had not diseased meat put on our tables, it was extremely irksome to the butcher to whom probably it caused direct pecuniary loss. It was to be regretted that the necessities of the case should ever be such as to cause pecuniary loss to anybody, but the health of the community was a far more important consideration. It was essential above all things that public officers upon whom the duty devolved of seeing that quarantine was observed should not have bribes offered to them. The facts of the case were that about 8.45 a.m. on the day in question Mrs. Watson and the younger of her two little girls were in the garden waiting on Inspector Watson coming for breakfast. Prisoner entered the garden and asked if the inspector was in. Mr. Watson said "No." Thereupon defendant sat down and talked to the little girl in Chinese. Shortly afterwards he went away after putting two \$10 notes into her hand. The little girl gave them to her mother, who handed them over to her husband when he came home. The child gave the money to her mother, and that was procuring a bribe unless defendant could give some reason to show that \$20 was a reasonable present to this child. Inspector Watson, as soon as he got the money from his wife, and on understanding the circumstances under which it had been given, at once put it into the hands of Chief Detective Inspector Hanson. When defendant was asked about the matter by Inspector Hanson, he said he had given the money to the child to buy sweetmeats. It was rather unlikely that he would give a child \$20 to buy sweetmeats.

Evidence was led for the prosecution. Mr. Slade in addressing the jury for the defence said the prosecution suggested three things—that the money was handed to the child for her father, was handed to the child for her mother to influence her that she might deal only with this man as compradore, and that the money was meant as a bribe. Why, he asked, should the Crown look upon this money in the light of a bribe? Why should it not have been meant for the mother or for the girl herself?

The jury, having been addressed by his Lordship, retired, and after a consultation of about 15 minutes, returned a verdict of guilty by a majority of 5 to 2.

His Lordship sentenced the prisoner to pay a fine of \$500 or go to prison for six months. The fine was paid.

The Court rose at 1.50 p.m.

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